Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The basin has to be dredged every year. It is easy to dredge this, because you can close the opening to the backwaters and pump the water out. This cannot be done in the open backwaters.

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS IN EAST CHALAKKUDI

93. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to construct some buildings at Government cost at eastern Chalakkudi for renting to officials and non-officials who want to take advantage of the Chalakkudi river in the hot summer?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is not this suggestion worth considering, because some of the officers are going to Coonoor, etc., in the summer?

ROADS IN PANANGAD AND KUMBALAM—PROGRESS MADE IN THE CONSTRUCTION

94. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government be pleased to state the progress made so far, in the matter of the construction of roads in Panangad and Kumbalam, as per the Road Board Scheme?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

The acquisition proceedings relating to the sites required for the roads are in progress.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* May I know whether the Government will be pleased to begin the actual construction work this year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be completed in 1116.

Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar *(Trippunittura):* Will the Government consider the desirability of starting the work at once in order to afford relief to the people?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Yes.

LANDING PLACES AT BRITISH COCHIN, ERNAKULAM AND MATTANCHERI

95. Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Would the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether the joint funds of Cochin, Travancore and British (Madras or India) Governments have been used for the building of the water-chamber at Victoria Jubilee Jetty at British Cochin to make the

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shallow landing places there a happier place for the landing of all kinds of launches in ample depths of water at all times;

(*b*) will the Government be pleased to erect such landing chambers for the conveniences of all ferry passengers at Ernakulam and at Mattancheri, to mitigate the inconvenience due to want of sufficient depth of water?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):*

(*a*) No. The expenditure was met from the Revenue Account of the Cochin Landing and Shipping Fund in 1929—30 and 1930—31.

(*b*) Government have constructed jetties or landing places both in Mattancheri and Ernakulam. The long approaches to these landings are in some places shallow. These places have to be dredged.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* May I know whether the Cochin Landing and Shipping Fund goes into the Harbour Fund? If it goes to the Harbour Fund, are we not entitled to a dividend from that fund?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I do not think we have anything to do with that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Since we are partners in the Harbour, should we not get a share out of it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The maintenance of the Harbour is met out of this Fund.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Suppose there is a surplus in that, what is to be done with that money?

Mr. President: The various parties will have to consider that.

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We have constructed a roof over the jetty,

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* That may be extended.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We will consider that.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Have you constructed one on the other side?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* We will look into it.

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